

change in his business was the result of his approaching marriage.

A month, and George's business was settled; and he had engaged a passage on board a vessel bound to the East Indies, and, bidding adieu to his friends, departed.

Eight years had passed away. Many of those who trod the busy streets of the city, had finished their journey, while others had continued their daily toil and daily walk, without noticing the changes that had taken place.

George Emery was returning to his native city. He had spent eight years abroad and during that time had not heard from his relatives. He had travelled extensively, and accumulated wealth. Time had worn off his disappointments, but it had only blunted, not destroyed them.

One evening as the vessel in which George was a passenger was running along under easy sail, one of the sailors discovered a small speck floating a mile or two distant. The attention of the captain was called to it, and taking his glass he conjectured there might be persons floating on part of a wreck. As the vessel neared the objects, these doubts gave way to certainty: and it was soon discovered that a woman and child were floating on a few planks or spars. The excitement on board the vessel was intense. When the order to lower away the boat was given, George sprang into it and took the rudder, while four hearty tars manned the oars.

"Buckle to it, my boys," said George, "and I'll reward each one of you."

But the sailors needed no promise of reward. The ashen oars bent and quivered beneath the hands of the hardy sailors, and soon a woman and child were on board the boat, and were rowed rapidly to the ship. Taken on board, every effort was made to resuscitate them, and before morning, the little child, a beautiful girl about three years old, was in a sweet sleep. About sunrise, the lady opened her eyes, and gazed around her. George sprang to her side, but a glance told him that she was dying. He bent over her, as her lips moved, but a low whisper was all he could hear—"My child." The child was brought, and a smile lit up the mother's face.

"My child! will you take care of her?"

"Yes," said George, "I will be to her a parent!"

"God bless you," she whispered.

"Her name," asked George.

The mother whispered, but so low that only the word "Mary" reached his ear; she sank back upon the pillow, breathed faintly a few moments, and sunk quietly in the arms of death.

The vessel pursued her course, and in a few weeks, George Emery and the child which he had adopted, were landed on the wharf, in the city of Boston.

He remained a short time at a hotel—his mother having been buried, while he was absent, and the family broken up—when he moved into a house which he had rented. Wishing a home of his own, he secured the services of a widowed sister, and commenced house-keeping, that he might enjoy the society of his little Mary, to whom he had become much attached.

George had been in the city some weeks, but had never inquired for Emma, although he had often thought of her. One evening as he was leaving the house, with his hand on the door, a woman haggard in appearance, and miserably dressed, holding a child by the hand, asked for food. Calling to his sister, he was leading the way to the kitchen, when little Mary cried out—

"Papa, I afraid!"

Mr. Emery went into the kitchen—the basket of the beggar was filled, and the woman, as she stooped to take it up, threw back her hood.

George looked earnestly at her. It was Emma. She who had been so gay—so lively, was now a street beggar. Misfortune had been her lot since the second year of her marriage. First came the loss of property—and last dissipation—her husband had died a drunkard. It had been a sad eight years to Emma. She enjoyed her position in society but a short season.

As George stood gazing at her she looked up, and her dark eyes meeting his, she recognized him.

"My God!" she screamed, "I am punished!" and sunk upon the floor.

She was conveyed to bed, and George and his sister with a physician watched over her. Her mind appeared wandering through the whole night. During the next forenoon she slept for a short time, and when she awoke reason had returned. She asked for her child—it was laid on her arms and she kissed it, then turning to George she said, in tremulous tones:

"George Emery, I loved you, but I wrouged you—bitterly have I suffered for that wrong. I am dying, and this child has no friend in the world. Forgive me, George, I have but one request to make. Take this child, and should she live to grow to womanhood tell her the history of her mother. Forgive—for—" the voice grew husky—the lips moved—but there was no articulation. Those around the bed stood looking upon her—and in half an hour the sorrows of Emma Parker were ended by death.

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There may now be seen on each pleasant Sabbath, two beautiful children passing along Tremont Street on their way to church. They are the little stranger picked up on the ocean, and the daughter of Emma Parker. And that good-looking man is George Emery. He has never married, and probably never will. His affections are centered on these children, and we trust that he may long live to enjoy their company, and that a desired to obtain "a position in society" may not lead them into the errors of the suffering Emma.

COSTLY HARNESS.—The Boston Bee informs us that the manufacturers of the harness lately made in Boston, as a present to Gen. Pierce, are likely to have a law suit about it. It seems that the order given was to make the best possible harness to be got up, and during its manufacture, the contracting parties visited the establishment several times, impressing upon the contractors the importance of producing the most perfect harness in their power, without regard to expense.

On presentation of the bill, which amounted to \$1837,61, the contracting parties demurred.

The mountings on the harnesses cost over \$1100, and are mostly of solid silver, and of most beautiful design, representing oak branches, leaf and acorn. The designs are entirely original, and are exquisitely tasteful. The Boston Bee says, the harnesses cost every cent of the sum named in the bill. The expense of the carriage was \$1800, and that of horses \$1500. The manufacturers will probably submit the matter to a legal tribunal.

TOUGH STORIES are told by some letter-writers from this city about the "rapping girls." The air, says one, is replete with electric, magnetic, and odic fluid. Tables tip up—dance on one leg—tell ages—keep time to music. The rappers answer all sorts of questions—how many children, grand children, their names—dive into futurity—assign wives sometimes fifty years old, and when told the inquirer won't have her, add insult to injury, by gravely informing him that he will change his mind—she is rich. Franklin, Samuel Adams, Swedenborg, Rachel Harvey, dictate responses to a convulsed arm, which writes and records their delphic responses. And Webster, Clay, and Calhoun, all condescend to be questioned; and, what is extraordinary, while the writer converses on different subjects, his pen furnishes sentences in the classical wisdom of the first—the playful, convincing argument and the condensed, sententious style of the latter.

METROPOLITAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE was again crowded on Saturday night. It is the great point of attraction at the present time to our citizens and the strangers now here.

WILL SOON OPEN.
AT IRON HALL, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.
The Original Voyage Down the MISSISSIPPI RIVER.
Painted by J. R. Smith, 1 sq.
RECENTLY returned from the Grand Tour of Europe, where it was visited by admiring thousands having received the highest award of European approbation from the best Artists and most competent judges, it is again admitted to the good taste, and just admiration of the American people. Large additions having been made to it since last seen in this country, this splendid specimen of American art, now accurately depicts the National scenery, Cities, Towns, and every point of interest in the great Mississippi Valley from the Falls of St. Anthony to the Gulf of Mexico.
Admission 50 cents; a gentleman and two ladies \$1; children 25 cents.
Exhibition every evening at 7½. Doors open at 10 o'clock.

EVENING STAR.

WASHINGTON:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1853.

Very "Awful Papers!"
A friend has politely handed us a copy of our cotemporary, the *Metropolitan* of last week, and called our attention to a letter in that paper containing an allusion to the daily *Star*. The writer assumes to be a lady, and signs the epistle "Ida Smallwood." With all due deference to our friends of the fair sex, we would humbly suggest that "Ida Smallwood" is far more suitable.

Some faint notion of the drift of this small—very small—wood, may be formed by the following extract. It is the opening paragraph of the letter:

"These terrible colds that are now so prevalent has hindered my making such personal observations as would enable me to give you gossip 'founded on fact,' nor, indeed, have I been in such a state of easy health as makes reading an enjoyment; else I would, according to promise, taking the material from that source, (?) attempt to give you a letter of some sort."

After this preliminary flourish of trumpets, we placed ourselves in military attitude, our well-known gallantry to the ladies inducing us to be prepared to "surrender at discretion." Here, then, comes the broadside of "Smallwood." The reader will please consider that all our batteries are silenced, for a lady speaks:

I regret to discover in a city paper a very small attack on Mr. Thackeray for an alleged remark he should have made concerning Mill's Equestrian Statue, namely, that the Horse's tail was too large! What assurance in Mr. Thackeray! How patriotic is the editor to fight the Battle of New Orleans over again on that account.

Now there are a few things in the above feminine missive to which we beg leave to reply—having just recovered sufficiently from the first shock of conflict for that amusing purpose.

In the first place, it is refreshing to notice the abbreviated manner in which our gentle assailant spells the name of Mr. Thackeray. This shows her to be well read. Perhaps, however, she goes in for fonografi, and this gains one whole letter. That would be something of a saving to the printers in the long run. We would suggest still another improvement. Suppose Ida spells the distinguished name *Thackeray*!

A sign of two letters:
What a boon to type setters!

In the next next place our article headed "Mills vs. Thackeray," in the *Star* of the 14th instant, is called "a very small attack on Mr. Thackeray for an alleged remark he should have made."

Now if our defence of the splendid statue of Jackson was "small," it was because the remarks of Thackeray were very "small" indeed; and were it not for the public position of that gentleman, as an English tourist, we should not have noticed them. It is natural, however, that such "small words" should regard such small remarks as Thackeray's with appropriate favor.

"Ida" says, Thackeray "should have made" those "small" remarks. With all respect to the lady, we think he should not. But "every one to her taste" as the old farmer's wife said when she kissed the cow. And here we leave Ida and her small wood for to-day.

Inaugural Procession.
J. D. Hoover, Marshal-in-chief, has appointed the following gentlemen as Marshals, with eighty-three Assistant Marshals, to aid him in carrying out the arrangements of the day: Major A. A. Nicholson, Colonel Wm. Selden, Dr. A. W. Miller, Ro. Ould, Dr. E. M. Chapin.
The following gentlemen are to act as aids: S. R. Hobbie, P. Barry Hayes, L. D. Siaman, Major S. L. Lewis, Arnold Harris, Captain Lewis Carr, Esau Pickrell, Dr. Henry Haw, J. A. Honnicutt, James S. Wilson, Major Lally.

We notice among the list of arrivals the names of Governor McDougall, of California; Thomas Francis Meagher, the renowned Irish patriot; Capt. Marcy, U. S. A.; Governor Leake, of Virginia; Hon. P. Rowe, of New Jersey; George D. Prentice, the well-known editor of the Louisville Journal; and Governor Fort, of New Jersey.

CONGRESS.

Senate.
Mr. HUNTER moved that the Senate proceed at once to the consideration of the Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill.
Mr. UNDERWOOD desired that Bennett's Land bill should be taken up.
Mr. BRIGHT intimated his wish to get up the Homestead Bill.

Mr. BORLAND urged the necessity of some action on the Census printing.

The question being taken on Mr. HUNTER's motion, it was agreed to—yeas 29, nays 7.

By general consent, Mr. WALKER, from the Select Committee on Frauds, was permitted to report back to the Senate the letter of Mr. Jos. C. G. Kennedy, asking an investigation of the charges against him, and suggested that it be referred to a special Committee on the subject. Mr. W. said that if such a Committee is raised and he is called upon to substantiate what he has said in relation to the Census Superintendent, he should do so, and prove much more than he had said, by sworn evidence.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill.

Numerous amendments proposed by the Committee on Finance, were adopted.—Among them was one permitting the Secretary of the Treasury to contract with the lowest bidders to refine gold for owners who desire to have it coined at the United States Mint—the cost of refining to be charged to the owners of the bullion. Adopted.

Mr. HUNTER, from the Finance Committee, also reported an amendment reorganizing the whole system of clerkships in all the Executive Departments except the State Department—dividing the clerks into four classes, at the respective salaries of nine, twelve, fifteen, and eighteen hundred dollars per annum: giving the chief clerks of the several bureaus \$2,000, and to the chief clerks of the Departments proper \$2,200. The amendment also provides that no new clerk shall be appointed, except a report of a Board of Examiners, who shall certify to the qualifications of the candidates.

Mr. PETRI opposed the propositions for a Board of Examiners, and moved that it be stricken out. Lost.

The original amendment was then adopted.

Mr. HUNTER submitted an amendment appropriating \$240,000 for the execution of suitable residences for the Vice President of the United States, and the several members of the Cabinet.

This amendment was discussed at some length.

An amendment was then proposed, for the supplying of the city with water, upon which a long discussion ensued.

House of Representatives.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Senate bill to extend pre-emption rights to unsurveyed lands and for other purposes.

Mr. BROWN, of Miss., offered a substitute which was agreed to, and the bill as amended was passed.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the army bill with the amendments of the Senate to the same, was committed.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union and resumed the consideration of the Senate amendments to the Deficiency bill.

MARRIED.

On Sabbath evening, February 27, at St. Paul's church in the city of Washington, by the Rev. Suih B. Pyne, Hon. JOHN J. CRITTENDEN, Attorney General of the United States, to Mrs. ELIZABETH ASHLEY, of St. Louis, Missouri.

On the 26th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Marks, Mr. MICHAEL HEALY to Mrs. MARY ANN MURPHY, all of this city.

DIED.

On Saturday evening, the 26th instant, CATHARINE BRILGET CLEMENTS, in the 14th year of her age.

Washington Light Infantry.
An adjourned meeting of the corps will be held this evening at 7½ o'clock. B. F. BEERS, Sec. etary.

NEW YORK SPRING STYLE OF HATS.
BEERS'S spring style gentlemen's Dress Hats. A further and large supply this day received at STEVEN'S Sales-room, Browns' Hotel.

BOARDING.

L. W. WORTHINGTON, at his Temperance House, on D street, between 9th and 10th streets, is prepared to accommodate several day boarders with board and lodging. feb 25-4t

LATEST NEWS FROM FRANCE.
THE SUBSCRIBER has just received another lot of those beautiful Paris rumps. Also, a fresh supply of superior French Walking Shoes Together with a large assortment of Opera Boxes, Gilded Scares, Congress Gaiters, &c, which are calculated to please the most fastidious. Call at the Fashionable Boot and Shoe store of JOHN MILLS, under Browns' Hotel. feb 25-

A MUSEMENTS.

NATIONAL THEATRE.

Mr. E. A. MARSHALL.....STAGE LESSEE.
Mr. A. W. EENN.....ACTING & SOLE MANAGER.
Mr. H. B. MATTESON.....TREASURER.

First appearance in Washington of the celebrated CHINESE TROUPE of Magicians and Actors, consisting of fifteen performers, male and female.

THIS EVENING, FEBRUARY 28, Will be presented Shakspere's Comedy of KATHERINE AND PETRUCHIO.

After which the Chinese Pe-formers will give their first NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Highland Fling.....Miss Annie Walters.

The whole to conclude with the laughable Farce in act, of RAISING THE WIND.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

NEW AND GREAT ATTRACTION—BREWER'S GRAND MOVING MIRROR, THE

"GLANCE AT THE WORLD," Will be exhibited at Odd Fellows' Hall for one week only, commencing Thursday, February 24th.

THIS immense and gorgeous work of art (by George St. P. Brewer, the artist of the famous panoramas of the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, &c.) has been with us for crowds of delighted visitors who have seen it exhibited during the short time since its completion. Artists and the Press, and the many thousands who have seen it, universally agree in pronouncing it the best, most beautiful, attractive, and artistic exhibition in the whole range of panoramic painting. It is also so entertaining, instructive, and amusing as it is splendid, giving, as it does, the chief natural and artificial beauties of Europe, Asia, Africa, and America.

The Picture is arranged in three sections, corresponding with Three Zones of the globe, and portrays the choicest natural scenery, the architecture, costume, animals, and manners, and cast as peculiar to each division. For full particulars reference must be made to the program, or to the Panorama itself.

The mirror will commence moving each night at half-past seven o'clock, and on Saturday and Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

The exhibition will be accompanied by appropriate music, and an explanatory address by Mr. C. A. RAND.

Tickets 25 cents; for children half price. A liberal discount will be made to schools.

Cards of admission may be obtained at the principal hotels and book stores, and at the Hall. The office will also be open for supplying tickets each day from 12 to 3 o'clock.

A FAIR for the benefit of the first colored Presbyterian Church, will commence on Tuesday, the first of March, at the Perseverance Engine house, by the Centre Market, and continue for two weeks. The public generally are respectfully invited to patronize the same.

To Strangers and Citizens.—Thompson's Daguerreotypes are unsurpassed by any, for boldness of execution and beauty of artistic finish.

His assiduous efforts to establish a first class Gallery in this city, and his continued endeavors to please visitors and patrons, have not been unrewarded. An examination of his pictures recently made is particularly so. He is prepared to take pictures of every size and style, at reasonable prices.

Gallery, North side of Penna. avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets, Lane & Tucker's building. feb 25-

Boarding.—Gentlemen will find the best of board at Copp's Pavilion, for \$4.00 per week, or board and lodging on reasonable terms. Gentlemen can be accommodated with baths at all hours, a supply of hot or cold water always on hand, only 25 cts a single bath. feb 21-1w Louisiana ave. near 6th st.

Joe Shillington receives all the new books and newspapers as fast as published. He is agent for Harper's and all the other Magazines, and our readers will always find a large and good assortment of blank books and stationery at his book store, O'Leary Building, corner of 4½ street and Penn. av. feb 7

Handsome Rooms.—Two neat and convenient rooms, one parlor and one bedroom, can be obtained on reasonable terms, if application is made immediately, at the house known as "Butler's Hotel," F street, near 13th, south side. jan 25-1f

Root's Wonderful Daguerreotypes. Go to Root's! No matter whether it be clear or cloudy weather. Still, with equal truth he traces Multitudes of lovely faces! Root's Gallery, Pennsylvania avenue, near Seventh street. jan 31-

Whitehurst's Gallery.—Where the best Daguerreotypes in this city, or in the world, are made is on Pennsylvania avenue near four and a half street. He has a splendid assortment of gilt frames, Lockets, and fancy cases, just received, call and see them. jan 25-

Re, alia, Fringe and Trimming Manufactory. MRS. LOWE has on hand a few sets of Encompassment REGALIA, that will be sold without regard to cost.

A CARD. MRS. C. S. LEMON, having taken up her residence in Washington, will receive a few pupils for instruction on the Piano and in Vocalization. By long experience in her profession, she will be enabled to impart a thorough and clear knowledge to those who place themselves under her charge. Terms made known at her residence, Eleventh st, near Pennsylvania avenue.

Mrs. C. S. L. has the honor of a reference to his excellency, Mill and Fillmore, President of the United States, and Rev. Dr. C. M. Butler. feb 23-

ELEGANT FURNITURE AND HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS. THE SUBSCRIBER has constantly on hand at his Furnishing Ware Rooms a large and well selected assortment of Furniture, China, Glassware, &c., comprising—

Rosewood, Walnut, and Mahogany Sofas
Arm Chairs, and Parlor Chairs finished in Brocade, Plush, and Hair Cloth
Elegant Rosewood, Walnut, and Mahogany full-Blind Dressing Bureaus, Wardrobes, Washstands, Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Hair and Shuck Mattresses, &c.
Gold Band Dinner and Dessert Sets, richly decorated
French China Teaware, Flower Vases, Coffee Cups, Silver-Plated Castors, Spoons, Ladles, Forks, &c.
In short, its stock embraces ALL that is useful or ornamental in the HOUSE-FURNISHING line, and at prices that cannot fail to please.
A liberal credit will be extended for good notes or references. feb 16-

JAMES C. McGUIRE